

## Message Text

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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM THEROS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EINV, SY  
SUBJECT: FORD ACTIVITIES IN SYRIA

REF: STATE 117118

1. REGRT DELAY IN ANSWERING REFTEL. WE WERE WAITING FOR MORE CONCRETE NEWS ON FORD'S EGYPTIAN VENTURE. FRANKLY, WE DOUBT FORD'S PROPOSALS IN SYRIA WILL PROGRESS UNTIL SOMETHING SOLID HAPPENS IN EGYPT. ATTITUDE HERE IS THAT EGYPTIAN DEAL IS INTERESTING BUT UNTIL EGYPT FORMALLY GETS OUT IN FRONT, SYRIA WILL PROBABLY NOT BUDGE. WHAT HAPPENS THEN DEPENDS ON HOW BOYCOTT ISSUE, IN GENERAL, DEVELOPS.

2. THERE IS SOME NON-BOYCOTT RELATED OPPOSITION TO FORD DEAL, AS WELL, CENTERED AROUND SPANISH EMBASSY AND BUSINESSMEN REPRESENTING IBERO TRACTORS. THEY FEAR FORD PARTICIPATION IN FACTORY WOULD SQUEEZE OUT SPANISH AND WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO PREVENT IT.

3. THIS POT CAN STILL STAND SOME WATCHING.  
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